Adoption of zoological animals

3863. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proper preservation of wild animals at zoological parks in Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati;

(b) whether there is any plan to launch any scheme for adoption of zoological animals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are Government's plans to improve their preservation conditions?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati Zoo are amongst the well managed zoos of the country.

(b) and (c) Certain zoos have already a scheme for adoption of zoo animals in place, where individuals can give donations for meeting the feeding cost of animals of their choice the zoo identified by them.

(d) The Central Zoo Authority provides funding to zoos for improving the animal housing, upkeep and healthcare facilities.

Regularisation of encroachments in forests

3864. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals sent by the State Governments for regularisation of encroachments in forests have been approved;

(b) if not, the names of the States whose proposals have not been approved so far; and

(c) what are the criteria on the basis of which regularisation is approved?